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ADDRESS AND RESOLUTIONS.

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WASHINGTON, August 14, 1856.

Despatches received from London announce that the negotiations in regard to Central America are progressing favorably, although nothing is as yet decided except the agent of both France and England to a treaty of amity and commerce with Honduras. This treaty has no novel feature, except that it embodies the Honduras proposals which appeared in the Herald some weeks since.

The arrangement in respect to the Ways is still in the form of a convention, and it will start from this favorable condition—the rendition of the islands to Honduras. This is the point of departure, and unless it be decided nothing will be done.

The English Cabinet, as we have seen, are ready to proceed on this basis; but Palmerston, with his usual penchant for showing fight, makes all the fuss he can against the arrangement in the *Economist* and *Globe*. The *Times*, *News*, and *Advertiser*, however, all go strong for the arrangement. Palmerston naturally does not like to see his pet policy in Central America fall without an effort, but to prevent it, at least to make for it the best terms possible.

For this reason his agents are making efforts to buy Britain, in part as a set off against alleged debts of Honduras. This device would not succeed; but we will do well to be on our guard. Palmerston's tools in this business are the South American Bondholders' Committee, in London, who are now engaged in manufacturing claims against Honduras, to be urged as requiring an equivalent in the islands.

It is generally known that one of Mr. Webster's latest acts was to induce a geographical blunder in relation to some guano islands claimed by Peru, where a company of New York speculators intended to make their fortune. Mr. W. gave the opinion that these islands were free to all navigators, and so Mr. Alfred G. Benson, who had figured in some government speculations in the time of Tyler, and was at the bottom of this, contracted with certain parties to send out a fleet of ships to bring back the guano and make his "eternal fortune."

Numbers of the vessel sailed, but Peru interfered. Our Minister there examined into the case, and clearly demonstrated the right of that government to the islands in question. The expedition failed—Mr. Benson was nowhere. Mr. Webster's friends apologized for him as well as they could, and Mr. Fillmore confessed he did not know what he was about when he endorsed Mr. Webster's opinion.

Mr. Benson is now memorializing Congress for indemnity to the extent of over a million of dollars, for losses sustained by him in consequence of the erroneous opinion of his friend, Mr. Webster, while Secretary of State. (What comes to this erroneous opinion it is not necessary to state, but there is a document signed by James F. West and Alfred G. Benson, dated 24th May, 1854, on which the Circuit Court Clerk of Baltimore, which was in some light, and where you have it.)

Seventeen of an agreement made this 24th day of May, 1854, between Mr. Benson and James F. West, and Alfred G. Benson, for the purpose of defining their mutual and respective interests in the guano islands claimed by Peru, and in the vessels chartered by them, and in the arrangement by way of commission or otherwise, except such commissions as are hereinafter provided for, and in the annexed schedule provided for.

The said parties do declare and agree as follows—that is to say: That Benson and West are co-partners in the said vessels and matters, and the interest of each of the parties shall be equal, and their liabilities therein shall also be equal, and each party is authorized to sign any and all bills, receipts, and other documents, and to execute any and all other papers without the consent of the other.

All moneys hereafter received, or hereafter to be received from the Peruvian government, or their agents, or any other party or parties, on behalf of the expedition, or in connection with the same, shall be paid over to the said parties, and each party is authorized to sign any and all bills, receipts, and other documents, and to execute any and all other papers without the consent of the other.

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Whig State Convention.

ALBANY, Aug. 14, 1856.

A State Convention of old line Whigs met in Van Hook Hall this morning. Some eight hundred delegates were in attendance. The Convention was called to order by THOMAS MCKINLEY, of Albany, who stated the authority under which the Convention met. He nominated Hon. W. C. Hasbrouck, of Greene, temporary chairman.

Mr. HASBROUCK took the chair amidst great applause. He briefly addressed the Convention, thanking them for the honor conferred upon him, declaring that the Whig party could not be considered as dead, and reminding them that they had, as the conservative party of the Union, a duty to perform to the whole country.

J. H. HONAN moved that J. L. Burien and P. C. Male be appointed secretaries. Carried unanimously. Mr. HANES then moved the appointment of a committee of eight to report permanent officers.

The chair appointed the following as such committee: J. H. HONAN, HAWA, D. B. ST. JOHN, JAMES EDWARDS, W. N. HAY, L. LAURENCE, G. H. P. HALL, F. BACKUS, and A. R. LAWRENCE.

After a brief address of the committee returned, and reported the following as the permanent organization: President—Hon. Francis Granger, of Canandaigua. Vice Presidents—W. H. Todd, of New York; J. T. Harrison, of Richmond; James Patten, of Orange; T. H. Bond, of Oswego; W. H. Ross, of Essex; T. H. P. Hall, of Broome; J. J. McElwaine, of Wyoming; W. H. Denning, of Dutchess; E. Cone, of Livingston; James Cowell, of Cortland; A. H. Howell, of Ontario; and J. A. Boutell, of Kings. Secretaries—John T. Bush, Jas. C. Crocker, Peter C. Male, J. L. Burien, and W. B. Pellet.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted. A committee of two, consisting of F. W. Talmage, of New York, and Mr. Crocker, of this city, was appointed to conduct the President to the chair.

Mr. Granger was greeted with the most enthusiastic and prolonged cheering on taking the chair. He addressed the Convention as follows:—

When I immediately interrupted by three tremendous cheers—He said the old battle cry of "Whigs" was, indeed, cheering.

A voice—(interjected)—It is, so, even though they only rally a broken legion. He thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him, and declared his satisfaction in recognizing so many Whigs in the ranks of the Convention. He said that he had declared that the Whig party had ceased to exist. Those who remained true to the country would never desert it. He said that he had declared that the Whig party had ceased to exist. Those who remained true to the country would never desert it.

Mr. Granger's remarks, which were eloquently clothed and well delivered, were frequently interrupted with loud applause. Mr. J. H. HONAN, of Canandaigua, moved that a committee of four be appointed to report an address and draw resolutions. Carried.

The President appointed the following as such committee:—

Robert A. West, of Richmond; W. S. Johnson, of Canandaigua; James H. Hall, of Westchester, and Stephen Knapp, of New York.

On motion of Mr. Talmage, the delegates in Congressional session were requested to meet during recess to select the address of delegates to the Baltimore Convention.

Recess till 3 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled at three o'clock this afternoon. Mr. A. West, Esq., of the New York Commercial Advertiser, from the committee, read the address and resolutions.

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Union of the Democracy of Missouri for the Presidential Contest.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14, 1856.

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American Mass Meeting in Albany.

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Yellow Fever.

Matters at Staten Island—Quarantine after the Destruction of the Barricade.

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Chamber of Commerce.

OPPOSITION TO THE REMOVAL OF THE POST OFFICE FROM ITS PRESENT SITE.

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